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## PATENT APPLICATION

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## RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed November 5, 2003, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

**In the Drawings:**

Please amend Fig. 1A of the drawings presently on file per the attached Submission. The Applicant respectfully requests deferment of formal entry of such drawing amendments until such time as the Examiner approves the requested drawing amendment(s).

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-6, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 7-24 as follows.